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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Jussi NURMI et al.

Serial Number: 10/579,137

Group Art Unit: 1637

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Examiner: Mummert, Stephanie K.

For: NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION ASSAY AND ARRANGEMENT THEREFOR

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22314

August 24, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 12, 2009, a Petition for a one month Extension of Time being submitted herewith, please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 18-30 are pending.

Examiner Mummert is thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during a personal interview held earlier today. The Examiner Interview Summary Record accurately reflects the substance of the interview.

The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 18-30 over U.S. Patent No. 6,568,286 to Cabuz in view of Iqbal et al., 15 Biosensors & Bioelectronics 549 (2000) is traversed. The claimed assay includes retaining biological particles containing an analyte